



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of
John M. YANNI
Daniel A. GAMACHE
Steven T. MILLER

Serial No.: 10/688,676 (Conf. #2568)

Filed: October 17, 2003

For: TREATMENT OF DRY EYE BY
RESTORING 15-LIPOXYGENASE
ACTIVITY TO OCULAR SURFACE
CELLS

**AMENDMENT and RESPONSE TO OFFICE
ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 14, 2005**

Mail Stop Amendments
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action mailed September 14, 2005, for which the three-month date for response was December 14, 2005.

A request for a one-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This one-month extension will bring the due date to January 17, 2006, (by virtue of January 14, 2006, being a Saturday, January 15, 2006, being a Sunday and January 16, 2006, being a Federal holiday), which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Alcon, Inc. Deposit Account No. 501051.

Group Art Unit: 1632

Examiner: A. Singh

Atty. Dkt. No.: 2394 US

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Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

There are no **Amendments to the Specification** in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

There are no **Amendments to the Drawings** in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.